

primary higher fatty alcohol. The method for reducing serum cholesterol consists of orally administering the composition provided to human subjects.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please delete Claim 36.

Claim 1 (currently amended) A composition for lowering ~~LDL serum~~ cholesterol levels ~~in human subjects, or elevating HDL cholesterol level in blood of a mammal wherein the said~~ composition comprises one or more ~~esters of policosanol, wherein the policosanol is selected from the group consisting of eicosanol, heneicosanol, docosanol, tricosanol, tetracosanol, pentacosanol, hexacosanol, heptacosanol, octacosanol, nonacosanol, triacontanol, dotriacontanol, tetratriacontanol and hexatriacontanol~~ primary aliphatic alcohol fatty acid esters, wherein the fatty acids are long chain fatty acids.

Claim 2 (currently amended) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the fatty acid moiety of the esters is a carboxylic acid containing from 2 to 22 carbon atoms is linoleic acid, linolenic acid, arachidonic acid, eicosapentaenoic acid or docosahexanoic acid.

Claim 3 (currently amended) The composition according to Claim 2, ~~further comprising one or more food substances~~ wherein the primary aliphatic alcohol is eicosanol, docosanol, tricosanol, tetracosanol, hexacosanol, octacosanol or triacontanol.

Claim 4 (currently amended) ~~The~~ A food composition comprising one or more primary aliphatic alcohol fatty acid esters according to Claim 3, in combination with a food substance, wherein ~~the~~ said food substance is selected from the group consisting of ~~table margarine, shortening, mayonnaise, vegetable oil, ice cream, milk and yogurt~~ edible oil, margarine, butter, salad dressing, milk and beverages.

Claim 5 (currently amended) ~~The composition according to Claim 2, further comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable component selected from the group consisting of an A pharmaceutical composition comprising one or more primary aliphatic alcohol fatty acid esters of Claim 3, in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, excipient, antioxidant, coloring agent, binder and stabilizer or dilutant.~~

Please add new claims 37 – 39.

Claim 37 (added) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the primary aliphatic alcohol is eicosanol, docosanol, tricosanol, tetracosanol, hexacosanol, octacosanol or triacontanol.

Claim 38 (added) A food composition comprising one or more primary aliphatic alcohol fatty acid esters according to Claim 2, in combination with a food substance, wherein said food substance is selected from the group consisting of edible oil, margarine, butter, salad dressing, milk and beverages.

Claim 39 (added) A food composition comprising one or more primary aliphatic alcohol fatty acid esters according to Claim 1, in combination with a food substance, wherein said food substance is selected from the group consisting of edible oil, margarine, butter, salad dressing, milk and beverages.

Claim 40 (added) A pharmaceutical composition comprising one or more primary aliphatic alcohol fatty acid esters of Claim 2, in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, excipient, or dilutant.